

**Department of Children and Families
Tribal Consultation Action Plan
May 2017 to May 2018**

The Department of Children and Families and the federally recognized Indian Tribes of Wisconsin held a consultation meeting on May 10, 2017. This Implementation Plan is the result of that consultation meeting. The plan is a set of mutually agreeable short and long term strategies to address issues of interest to Tribes. The Department and the Wisconsin Indian Tribes agree to collaborate on these strategies and provide staff support as required to successfully achieve these outcomes by May 2018.

Item 1: YoungStar Proposed Refinements	Responsible Party: Division of Early Care and Education – Amanda Reeve
History: At the 2017 DCF Tribal Consultation, tribal leaders requested a side by side comparison of the YoungStar proposed refinements that were verbally reviewed at the meeting.	
Outcome/Update: It is anticipated that the requested comparison will be ready for distribution by June 2, 2017.	
Resources: https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/tribal/pdf/youngstar-proposed-changes.pdf	
Item 2: Child Care Expenses for Foster Parents	Responsible Party: Division of Early Care and Education – Amanda Reeve and Division of Safety and Permanence – Tania Cornelius
History: At the 2016 DCF Tribal Consultation, tribal representatives stated that their placement/foster parents were expected to pay for child care costs for children that were in out-of-home care. The Division of Early Care and Education clarified that foster parents should not have a co-pay for child care; however, there may be a difference in the amount of the SHARES payment and the rate of the provider which could result in a cost to the placement/foster home. The Division of Safety and Permanence clarified that child care costs may be included in the exceptional rate.	
Outcome/Update: The department began meeting internally to identify the areas where child care and foster care policies overlap. Further clarification will be provided to the tribes as soon as it is available.	
Resources:	

Item 3: Treatment Center for Women with Children	Responsible Party: DCF Tribal Liaison – Stephanie Lozano, in collaboration with the ICW Directors and the DCF Division of Safety and Permanence
<p>History:</p> <p>At the 2017 DCF Tribal Consultation, tribal representatives voiced concerns regarding the need for a treatment facility where women can go with their children. DCF Tribal Liaison has been in working with staff at the Menominee Tribe to identify programmatic and financial needs for a program of this nature as the Menominee Tribe had previously operated a similar program.</p>	
<p>Outcome/Update:</p> <p>Updates will be provided to the ICW Directors and tribal leaders as they become available.</p>	
<p>Resources:</p>	